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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. EMBASSY REQUIRES URGENT PRESS GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING
QUERIES ON KIDNAPPING OF AMB. DUBS. THERE IS EXTREMELY
LARGE U.S. AND WESTERN PRESS CONTINGENT NOW PRESENT IN
ISLAMABAD FOR BHUTTO SAGA. MANY HAVE AREA RESPONSIBILITIES
INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN. WHILE NEWS OF KIDNAPPING HAS NOT
YET SURFACED PUBLICLY HERE, PRESS CORPS IS ALREADY AWARE
THAT "SOMETHING IS GOING ON IN KABUL". WE HAVE DECLINED
TO COMMENT.

2. WE WOULD RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACKNOWLEDGE
BASIC FACTS, IE., THAT KIDNAPPING HAS OCCURRED AND
AMB DUBS IS BEING HELD AT KABUL HOTEL; THAT WE HAVE NO
INFORMATION AS TO IDENTIFY OR DEMANDS OF KIDNAPPERS; AND
THAT ORA IS WORKING TO EFFECT SAFE RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR.

3. ADVISE ASAP.

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